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1. No evidence of impending Soviet military activity against Tito—In response to requests for evidence regarding Soviet plans to take military action against Yugoslavia, US military attaches in the Soviet orbit countries report that they have found no evidence of Soviet preparations to invade Yugoslavia in the near future. US military authorities in Germany consider that an intensified campaign of Soviet—inspired incidents on the Yugoslav borders will probably be motivated by a Soviet desire to sharpen the war of nerves against Tito and to enhance the chance of successful internal Yugoslav disturbances. The US military attache in Moscow believes that only as a last resort will the Kremlin attempt to remove Tito by Soviet-Satellite military action of a guerrilla nature.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that although the USSR may intensify the current war of nerves against Tito, the Kremlin is unlikely to resort to direct military aggression against Yugoslavia in the near future.)

US thinking on referring Yugoslav-Kremlin dispute to UN—The Department of State has informed US Embassy London of its belief that it would be unwise to force Tito's hand either by appealing the Tito-Kremlin problem to the UN or by urging Tito to lodge a complaint. The Department adds that recourse to the UN at this time would have the disadvantage for the Yugoslavs of substantiating Soviet charges that Tito is bidding for support from the West; however, should Yugoslavia decide the situation warrants reference to the UN, the US would support appropriate UN action to safeguard Yugoslav independence. Regarding future Yugoslav-Soviet relations, the Department expresses the view that if the Soviet campaign against Tito develops into an imminent threat to peace or acts of aggression, referral of the problem to the UN would be both logical and necessary.

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2. Possible US-UK-French approach to Albania -- The Department of State has instructed US Embassies London and Paris to determine if the UK and France are willing to join the US in another communication to Albania expressing the desire that the Albanian Government will not allow its territory to be used as a base for guerrilla attacks on Greece. The Department believes that if the guerrillas could be prevented from reorganizing and rearming in Albania and then returning to Creece. the whole problem of the guerrilla war would be largely solved. The Department also expresses the opinion that, although previous approaches to Albania have had little effect, another attempt is warranted by such changing circumstances as: (a) the isolation of Albania from direct contact with the Cominform; (b) the recent successes of the Greek armed forces; and (c) the possibility that the Cominform is becoming discouraged over the Greek situation.

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